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# H. R. 1582

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 2013

Mr. CASSIDY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-  
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Energy Consumers Re-  
5 lief Act of 2013”.

1   **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST FINALIZING CERTAIN EN-**  
2                   **ERGY-RELATED RULES THAT WILL CAUSE**  
3                   **SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECTS TO THE**  
4                   **ECONOMY.**

5       Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Ad-  
6 ministrator of the Environmental Protection Agency may  
7 not promulgate as final an energy-related rule that is esti-  
8 mated to cost more than \$1 billion if the Secretary of En-  
9 ergy determines under section 3(3) that, with respect to  
10 the rule, significant adverse effects to the economy will  
11 be caused.

12   **SEC. 3. REPORTS AND DETERMINATIONS PRIOR TO PRO-**  
13                   **MULGATING AS FINAL CERTAIN ENERGY-RE-**  
14                   **LATED RULES.**

15       Before promulgating as final any energy-related rule  
16 that is estimated to cost more than \$1 billion:

- 17               (1) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—The Administrator  
18 of the Environmental Protection Agency shall sub-  
19 mit to Congress a report containing—  
20               (A) a copy of the rule;  
21               (B) a concise general statement relating to  
22 the rule;  
23               (C) an estimate of the total costs of the  
24 rule, including the direct costs and indirect  
25 costs of the rule;

(D) an estimate of the increases in energy prices, including potential increases in gasoline or electricity prices for consumers, that may result from implementation or enforcement of the rule; and

(E) a detailed description of the employment effects, including potential job losses and shifts in employment, that may result from implementation or enforcement of the rule.

(A) any increase in energy prices for consumers, including low-income households, small businesses, and manufacturers;

(B) any impact on fuel diversity of the Nation's electricity generation portfolio or on national, regional, or local electric reliability; or

(C) any other adverse effect on energy supply, distribution, or use (including a shortfall in supply and increased use of foreign supplies).

16 (B) publish the results of such determina-  
17 tion in the Federal Register.

## 18 SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.

19 In this Act:

1                         (2) The term “energy-related rule that is esti-  
2                         mated to cost more than \$1 billion” means a rule of  
3                         the Environmental Protection Agency that—

4                             (A) regulates any aspect of the production,  
5                         supply, distribution, or use of energy or pro-  
6                         vides for such regulation by States or other gov-  
7                         ernmental entities; and

8                             (B) is estimated by the Administrator of  
9                         the Environmental Protection Agency or the  
10                         Director of the Office of Management and  
11                         Budget to impose direct costs and indirect  
12                         costs, in the aggregate, of more than  
13                         \$1,000,000,000.

14                         (3) The term “rule” has the meaning given to  
15                         such term in section 551 of title 5, United States  
16                         Code.

